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PROGRAMME OF MEETINGS AND AGENDA

SCHEDULED MEETINGS

Wednesday, 17 November 1999

SECURITY COUNCIL

10.30 a.m.	consultations of the whole (closed)	Consultation Room
	Iraq (S/1999/1162)	
	Other matters	

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m.	54th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall
3 p.m.	55th PLENARY MEETING	General Assembly Hall

United Nations Decade of International Law [154]: marking of the end of the United Nations Decade of International Law:

- (a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/362 and Add.1)
- (b) Letter from the Permanent Representatives of the Netherlands and the Russian Federation addressed to the Secretary-General (A/54/381)
- (c) Report of the Sixth Committee (A/54/609)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND
DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE
(FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 23rd meeting Conference
Room 2

Questions relating to information [91] (A/54/21 and Add.1, A/54/415)

General debate

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations Conference
(closed) Room 6

Informal consultations under the Chairmanship of Mr. Giovanni Brauzzi (Italy), Vice-Chairman of the Committee, on draft resolutions A/C.2/54/L.24 and L.31 (item 12), A/C.2/54/L.26 and L.30 (item 102)

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. 49th meeting Conference
Room 1

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111] (A/54/12 and Add.1, A/54/91, A/54/98, A/54/99, A/54/285, A/54/286, A/54/414, A/54/469)

Conclusion of general discussion

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. 50th meeting Conference
Room 1

1. Advancement of women [109]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.89

2. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.91

3. Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.4 (and the amendments thereto contained in A/C.3/54/L.88), A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1 and L.22/Rev.1*

4. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.57

5. Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.71/Rev.1, L.79, L.83, L.84 and L.85

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Introduction of draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.82 and L.87 and draft proposal A/C.3/54/L.92

6. Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

Action on draft resolutions A/C.3/54/L.62, L.64, L.65, L.66, L.68 and L.69

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.58

* Reissued for technical reasons.

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m.-
1 p.m. informal consultations Conference
(closed) Room 5

Informal consultations on agenda item 121 (Proposed programme budget for the biennium 2000-2001 (A/54/6/Rev.1 Vol. I and II, A/54/7 and A/54/16 (Foreword and Introduction; Part I: Overall policy-making, direction and coordination, Section 1. Overall policy-making, direction and coordination,

Section 2. General Assembly Affairs and conference services (A/C.5/54/18, A/C.5/54/19 and A/53/833); Part II: Political affairs, Section 3. Political affairs, Section 4. Disarmament, Section 5. Peacekeeping operations, Section 6. Peaceful uses of outer space; Part III: International justice and law, Section 7. International Court of Justice, Section 8. Legal affairs (A/53/643))

3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Conference Room 5
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Informal consultations on agenda item 125 (Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations (A/54/11))

SIXTH COMMITTEE

Afternoon* - 6 p.m.	informal consultations (closed)	Trusteeship Council Chamber
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Informal consultations on the draft resolution concerning measures to eliminate international terrorism (*item 160*)

* Following the adjournment of the 55th plenary meeting of the General Assembly.

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Conference Room 10

Subjects

1. Personnel practices and policies
2. Gratis personnel provided by governments and other entities
3. Executive session on International Criminal Tribunal for the Former Yugoslavia (ICTY) and International Criminal Tribunal for Rwanda (ICTR)

UNITED NATIONS ADMINISTRATIVE TRIBUNAL

10 a.m.- 1 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A
3 p.m.- 6 p.m.	closed meeting	Room DC2-470A

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (b)

The delegation of the Russian Federation invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on the draft resolution on the assistance for humanitarian relief and the economic rehabilitation and reconstruction of the Federal Republic of Yugoslavia, to be held *today*, 17 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 8.

Informal consultations on agenda item 20 (c)

The delegation of Belarus, on behalf of the co-sponsors, invites all interested delegations to informal consultations on draft resolution A/54/L.22 on the strengthening of international cooperation and coordination of efforts to study, mitigate and minimize the consequences of the Chernobyl disaster, to be held *today*, 17 November 1999, at 11.30 a.m. in Conference Room B.

Announcements

SECOND COMMITTEE

Copies of the compilation of amendments proposed to draft resolution A/C.2/54/L.19 (globalization and interdependence) (*item 104*) on the basis of written submissions are available in room S-2950.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETINGS OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

Wednesday, 17 November 1999

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT:

WORKING GROUP ON HUMAN RIGHTS

10 a.m.-
11 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room A

1.45 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 5

6.15 p.m.-
7.30 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

NON-ALIGNED MOVEMENT

*(open-ended informal consultations on the
right to development)*

11 a.m.-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room A

3 p.m.-
6 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room A

Special meeting

In connection with the World Conference to Combat Racism and Racial Discrimination, there will be a special meeting, organized by the NGO Committee on Human Rights, *today*, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room B. Mr. Percival M. Mofokeng, Second Secretary, Permanent Mission of the Republic of South Africa, and Ms. Elsa Stamatopoulou, Deputy Director, New York Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff and representatives of non-governmental organizations are invited to attend.

GROUP OF 77 OF THE SECOND COMMITTEE

*(draft resolution on item 97 (c) (Trade and
development): unilateral economic measures as a
means of economic coercion against
developing countries)*

12 noon-
1 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 9

Panel discussion

There will be a multisectoral panel discussion on "Malaria and the Proposed Global Treaty Banning DDT", co-sponsored by the NGO Health Committee, the Permanent Mission of Australia to the United Nations, the World Health Organization and the Global Alliance for Women's Health, *today*, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 6. Dr. David Nabarro, Program Manager, Rollback Malaria Initiative of the WHO, will be among the panellists. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

AFRICAN GROUP OF THE THIRD COMMITTEE

1.15 p.m.-
2.45 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 8

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Announcement

As from Monday, 1 November 1999, and for the rest of the month, the Presidency of the Security Council will conduct informal briefings on the current work of the Council for Member States of the United Nations which are non-members of the Council daily, except on days on which no informal consultations are scheduled. The briefings will take place immediately following the adjournment of the informal consultations, in the Press Briefing Room (S-226).

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Announcement

Recorded information about previously unscheduled meetings and consultations of the whole of the Security Council may be obtained by calling (212) 963-8530.

FORTHCOMING MEETINGS

Thursday, 18 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

10 a.m. 56th PLENARY MEETING General Assembly Hall

1. The situation in Central America: procedures for the establishment of a firm and lasting peace and progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [47]:

(a) Reports of the Secretary-General (A/54/311, A/54/355)

(b) Draft resolutions (A/54/L.24, A/54/L.27)

2. University for Peace [21]:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/54/312)

(b) Draft resolution (A/54/L.30)

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

3 p.m. 24th meeting Conference Room 2

SECOND COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 6

THIRD COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 51st meeting Conference Room 1

3 p.m. 52nd meeting Conference Room 1

FIFTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

3 p.m. informal consultations (closed) Conference Room 5

SIXTH COMMITTEE

10 a.m. 35th meeting Conference Room 2

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ADVISORY COMMITTEE ON ADMINISTRATIVE AND BUDGETARY QUESTIONS

10.30 a.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

3 p.m. closed meeting Conference Room 10

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GENERAL ASSEMBLY

INFORMAL CONSULTATIONS

*Strengthening of the coordination of
humanitarian and disaster relief assistance
of the United Nations, including special
economic assistance (item 20)*

Informal consultations on draft proposals under item 20 and its sub-items will be conducted by H.E. Mr. Jørgen Bojer (Denmark) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 3 p.m. in Conference Room 8.

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The Committee on Conferences will hold its 425th meeting on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 6 p.m. in Conference Room 8, to review a proposal affecting the draft calendar of conferences and meetings for 2000-2001, in accordance with paragraph 6 of General Assembly resolution 35/10 A (A/AC.172/1999/CRP.11)*.

In accordance with the procedure established by the Committee on Conferences at its 423rd meeting, on 1 September 1999, as reflected in paragraphs 172 to 175 of A/54/32, non-members who wish to participate as observers are invited to send a request in writing to the Secretary of the Committee on Conferences (fax: (212) 963-7405).

* To be issued.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

The Bureau of the Commission on the Status of Women acting as the preparatory committee for the special session of the General Assembly entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" will hold informal consultations on 23 and 24 November, as well as during the week of 29 November 1999. The informal consultations on 23 and 24 November will focus on the draft text of apolitical declaration for the special session. Copies of the revised text are available in the Division for the Advancement of Women (room DC2-1216). Delegations are invited to submit amendments thereto by 19 November 1999. The informal consultations during the week of 29 November will focus on the basic structure of the outcome of the session, as well as modalities for participation by non-governmental organizations.

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The Ad Hoc Committee of the General Assembly for the Announcement of Voluntary Contributions to the year 2000 Programmes of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees will meet on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 3.

MEETINGS OTHER THAN MEETING OF UNITED NATIONS BODIES

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of any opinion whatsoever on the part of the
Secretariat of the United Nations.

There will be meeting of the Arab Group of the Whole on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10.30 a.m. in Conference Room 9.

There will be a closed meeting of the Quadripartite Coordination Committee on International Cooperation on Chernobyl (*at the ministerial level*) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Economic and Social Council Chamber.

Meeting of co-sponsors

There will be a meeting of potential co-sponsors and interested delegations on the draft resolution on agenda item 18 (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples) on Thursday, 18 November 1999, at 10 a.m. in Conference Room 7. Interested delegations wishing to participate in the informal consultations may obtain a copy of the proposed draft resolution in room S-2977.

Panel discussion

The second panel discussion on "Dialogue among Civilizations: A Call for Common Grounds", organized by the Permanent Mission of the Islamic Republic of Iran, will be held on Monday, 22 November 1999, from 3 p.m. to 6 p.m. in Conference Room 4. The panel discussion will be held in the framework of General Assembly resolution 53/22 of 4 November 1998, designating the year 2001 as the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Professor Richard Falk, Princeton University, Dr. Mohammad J. Faridzadeh, Adviser to President Khatami and President of the International Center for Dialogue among Civilizations, H.E. Mr. Kishore Mahboubani, Permanent Representative of Singapore, and Mr. Ismail Serageldin, Vice-President, World Bank, will be among the participants. The discussion will be moderated by Mr. Giandomenico Pico, Personal Representative of the Secretary-General for the United Nations Year of Dialogue among Civilizations.

Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Seminar

There will be a seminar on "Politmetrics: Indicators and Measurements of Social Integration", organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development, Department of Economic and Social Affairs, on Wednesday, 24 November 1999, from 9.30 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2.30 p.m. to 4.30 p.m. in Conference Room A. Dr. Monty G. Marshall, Senior Research Associate, Center for International Development and Conflict Management, University of Maryland, will be the main speaker. Members of permanent missions, Secretariat staff, representatives of non-governmental organizations and the media are invited to attend.

Special presentation

There will be a presentation on "Social Policy in a Development Context" by Mr. Thandika Mkandawire, Director of the United Nations Research Institute for Social Development (UNRISD), on Friday, 3 December 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 8. The meeting, to be chaired by H.E. Mr. Cristian Maquieira (Chile), is organized by the Division for Social Policy and Development of the Department of Economic and Social Affairs. All interested members of delegations and Secretariat staff are invited to attend. For further information, please contact Ms. Fei Cheng (tel.: (212) 963-7882).

Briefing

The United Nations Institute for Training and Research (UNITAR) is organizing a briefing on the Security Council for members of the Council. The course will be held from Monday, 6 to Wednesday, 15 December 1999.

A letter on this subject, including an information note and a nomination form, was addressed to the permanent missions of all States that will be members of the Council in the year 2000. For further information, please contact Ms. Maud Graham (room DC1-603, tel.: (212) 963-9196).

SUMMARY OF MEETINGS

Tuesday, 16 November 1999

GENERAL ASSEMBLY

Fifty-fourth session

Committees

SPECIAL POLITICAL AND DECOLONIZATION COMMITTEE (FOURTH COMMITTEE)

22nd meeting

Questions relating to information [91]

The Chairman drew attention to the report of the Secretary-General contained in document A/54/415.

The representative of Indonesia, Rapporteur of the Committee on Information, introduced the report of the Committee (A/54/21 and Add.1).

The Under-Secretary-General for Communications and Public Information made a statement.

The Committee began its general debate and heard statements by the representatives of Guyana (on behalf of the Group of 77 and China), Lebanon (on behalf of the Arab Group), Egypt, Oman, Ghana, Singapore, Mexico (on behalf of the Rio Group), the United Arab Emirates, Jamaica (on behalf of the 14 Members of CARICOM which are members of the United Nations), Croatia and Cuba.

On the proposal of the Chairman, the Committee decided to close the list of speakers in the general debate at 6 p.m. on the same day.

THIRD COMMITTEE

47th meeting

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Belarus, Azerbaijan, Algeria, Venezuela, Lithuania, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, India, Iceland, Georgia, Uganda, Kazakhstan, Ghana and Angola, as well as by the observer for the Holy See.

48th meeting

Crime prevention and criminal justice [107]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.21/Rev.1

The representative of the United States, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as the following countries, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution: Afghanistan, Algeria, Angola, Armenia, Bahrain, Bangladesh, Belarus, Belgium, Benin, Brazil, Bulgaria, Burkina Faso, Brunei Darussalam, Burundi, Cameroon, Cape Verde, Chad, Chile, China, Comoros, Congo, Cyprus, Czech Republic, Democratic Republic of the Congo, Denmark, Equatorial Guinea, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Fiji, Finland, France, Gabon, Gambia, Georgia, Germany, Guatemala, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Indonesia, Iran (Islamic Republic of), Ireland, Israel, Jamaica, Jordan, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Kuwait, Lebanon, Lesotho, Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, Maldives, Mali, Marshall Islands, Mauritania, Mauritius, Morocco, Mozambique, Myanmar, Namibia, Nigeria, Oman, Pakistan, Palau, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Philippines, Qatar, Romania, Russian Federation, Saint Kitts and Nevis, Samoa, San Marino, Sao Tome and Principe, Seychelles, Sierra Leone, Slovakia, Slovenia, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Sudan, Suriname, Swaziland, Sweden, Syrian Arab Republic, Thailand, Togo, Tunisia, Turkmenistan, Uganda, United Arab Emirates, United Republic of Tanzania, Uruguay, Uzbekistan, Vanuatu, Venezuela, Yemen, Zambia and Zimbabwe.

Subsequently, Ghana, Haiti, Hungary, the Netherlands, Thailand and Ukraine joined in sponsoring the revised draft resolution.

The representative of Poland made a statement in which he withdrew draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.23.

Statements were made by the representatives of Guyana and Italy.

Introduction of amendments in document A/C.3/54/L.88 to draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.4*

The representative of the United States introduced and orally corrected the amendment to the draft resolution.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Introduction of draft resolutions:

A/C.3/54/L.67

The representative of Mexico, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Algeria, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.70

The representative of Turkey, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Cuba, Malaysia and the Philippines, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.72

The representative of Japan, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Denmark, Greece, Italy, Norway and the United Kingdom, introduced and orally corrected the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.73

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Benin, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.74

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Malaysia, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.75

The representative of Cuba, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Antigua and Barbuda and Bolivia, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.77

The representative of India, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Australia, Brazil, Canada, Chile, Denmark, Romania, Spain and Turkey, introduced the draft resolution. Subsequently, Venezuela joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.78

The representative of Canada, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Japan, Portugal, Thailand and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, introduced the draft resolution.

(c) *Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives*

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

A/C.3/54/L.60

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Kuwait, New Zealand and Slovenia, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.63

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.76

The representative of Sweden, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Germany, New Zealand, Norway and the United Kingdom, introduced the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.80

The representative of Venezuela, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Andorra, Australia, Belgium, Brazil, El Salvador, Japan, Norway, Peru, Spain and Uruguay, introduced and orally revised the draft resolution.

A/C.3/54/L.81

The representative of Finland, on behalf of the sponsors listed in the document, as well as Bulgaria, Estonia, Monaco, Hungary, Latvia, Poland and Slovenia, introduced the draft resolution.

Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [114]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.28/Rev.1

The Secretary read out a statement of programme budget implications on the draft resolution.

The representative of Guyana announced that Afghanistan, Austria, Canada, Iceland, Israel, Sweden and The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of the United States.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of item 114.

Right of peoples to self-determination [115]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.27 and programme budget implications contained in A/C.3/54/L.90

The Chairman drew the attention of the Committee to document A/C.3/54/L.90, containing programme budget implications of the draft resolution.

The Secretary read out a revision that was made to the draft resolution when it was introduced.

The representative of Cuba announced that Bolivia and Togo had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution. Subsequently, Madagascar and Suriname joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Before the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Finland (on behalf of the European Union and also on behalf of Bulgaria, Estonia, Hungary, Latvia, Lithuania, Poland and the associated countries, Malta and Iceland).

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, by a recorded vote of 103 to 16, with 32 abstentions.

After the adoption of the draft resolution, a statement was made by the representative of Cuba.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 115.

Human rights questions [116]

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms

The Committee resumed its consideration of the sub-item.

Action on draft resolution A/C.3/54/L.61

The Committee was informed that the draft resolution contained no programme budget implications.

The representative of Ireland announced that Brazil, Georgia, the Philippines and Thailand had joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

Subsequently, the Dominican Republic, Equatorial Guinea, Ethiopia and Madagascar joined in sponsoring the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted the draft resolution, without a vote.

Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [111]

The Committee resumed its consideration of the item and heard statements by the representatives of Egypt, Brazil, Thailand, the United Republic of Tanzania, Liberia, Indonesia, Ethiopia, Guinea and the Republic of Korea.

Organization of work

The Chairman made a statement.

SIXTH COMMITTEE

34th meeting

Measures to eliminate international terrorism [160]

Statements were made by the representatives of Costa Rica (on behalf of the GrUCA Group – Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Nicaragua, Dominican Republic and Panama), the Libyan Arab Jamahiriya, the Sudan, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Angola, The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia, Pakistan, India, Indonesia, Canada, Poland, Slovenia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Liechtenstein, Ghana and France.

Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [159]

The Committee resumed consideration of item 159.

Action on draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.11

The Coordinator introduced and orally revised draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.11.

Statements were made by the Representatives of The former Yugoslav Republic of Macedonia and the Russian Federation in explanation of position before the adoption of the draft resolution.

The Committee adopted draft resolution A/C.6/54/L.11 (as orally revised) without a vote.

The Committee thus concluded its consideration of agenda item 159.

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Convention against Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman and Degrading Treatment or Punishment

COMMITTEE AGAINST TORTURE
Twenty-third session
United Nations Office at Geneva

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1999

403rd meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee began its consideration of the initial report of Kyrgyz Republic (CAT/C/42/Add.1). In accordance with rule 66 of the rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meeting and introduced the report submitted by their Government.

Consideration of communications under article 22 of the Convention [6]

The Committee continued its consideration of the item in closed session.

404th meeting

Consideration of reports submitted by States parties under article 19 of the Convention [4]

The Committee adopted its concluding observations on the third periodic report of Peru and continued its consideration of the initial report of Azerbaijan.

The representatives of the State party replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee during the 401st meeting.

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ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL COUNCIL

**COMMITTEE ON ECONOMIC,
SOCIAL AND CULTURAL RIGHTS**

Twenty-first session

United Nations Office at Geneva

MONDAY, 15 NOVEMBER 1999

28th and 29th meetings

The twenty-first session of the Committee was declared open by the representative of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights, Mr. Hamid Gaham, Chief of Support Services Branch.

Adoption of the agenda [1]

The Committee adopted its provisional agenda (E/C.12/1999/6), as amended.

Organization of work [2]

The Committee discussed and adopted its programme of work (E/C.12/1999/L.2/Rev.1), as amended in the course of the discussion.

Substantive issues arising in the implementation of the International Covenant on Economic, Social and Cultural Rights [3]

The Committee held hearings of non-governmental organizations.

TUESDAY, 16 NOVEMBER 1999

30th and 31st meetings

Consideration of reports [6]

(a) Reports submitted by States parties in accordance with articles 16 and 17 of the Covenant

The Committee began its consideration of the third periodic report of Bulgaria (E/1994/104/Add.16). In accordance with rule 62 of the Committee's rules of procedure, the representatives of the State party were present at the meetings, introduced the report and replied to questions raised and comments made by the members of the Committee.

SIGNATURES, RATIFICATIONS, ETC.

**[MULTILATERAL TREATIES DEPOSITED WITH
THE SECRETARY-GENERAL]**

Convention on the Recovery Abroad of Maintenance. New York, 20 June 1956

*Ratification: Colombia (10 November 1999)**

* Date of receipt of the relevant documents.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Staff Council

There will be a meeting of the Staff Council *today*, 17 November 1999, from 1.15 p.m. to 2.45 p.m. in Conference Room 2. The meeting is open to staff members only.

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New United Nations stamps

On Thursday, 18 November 1999, the United Nations Postal Administration (UNPA) will issue a set of six commemorative stamps on the theme "Education - Keystone to the 21st Century". The denominations of the new stamps will be 33 cents, 60 cents, F.s. 0,90, F.s. 1,80, S 7 and S 13.

The new stamps, first-day covers and hand cancellations can be obtained by members of delegations and staff members at the north end of the Secretariat Lobby on Thursday, 18 November, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. and at the UNPA sales counter in the concourse of the General Assembly Building from 9 a.m. to 5.30 p.m. Details about the new issue are available in circular ST/IC/1999/93.

Exhibits

The Chinese painting and calligraphy exhibit entitled "Nature and Humanity", organized by the Permanent Mission of the People's Republic of China, in cooperation with the Department of Public Information and the General Office of the Chinese People's Political Consultative Conference, will be on display until Thursday, 18 November 1999 at the Visitor's Entrance.

The international poster exhibit entitled "Childhood is not Child's Play", organized by the Permanent Mission of Germany, in cooperation with the United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF) and with the support of Deutsche Lufthansa, will be on display until Sunday, 21 November 1999, in the Visitor's Lobby.

COMMUNICATIONS TO THE EDITOR

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